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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT, JA  
SUBJECT: FUKUDA ELECTED LDP PRESIDENT

1. FOLLOWING RESIGNATION AND FAREWELL SPEECH BY PRIME MINISTER MIKI, TAKEO FUKUDA WAS UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND PARTY'S CANDIDATE FOR PRIME MINISTER AT DIET MEMBERS' CAUCUS DECEMBER 23. ELECTION OF FUKUDA WAS FOLLOWED BY APPOINTMENT OF TOP THREE LDP OFFICERS: FINMIN MAYAYOSHI OHIRA AS PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL; TAKAMI ESAKI AS CHAIRMAN OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL; AND TOSHIO KOMOTO AS CHAIRMAN OF POLICY BOARD. LDP NOMINATED PARTY ELDER SHIGERU HORI AS ITS CANDIDATE FOR LOWER HOUSE SPEAKER.

2. EXTRAORDINARY DIET, SCHEDULED TO CONVENE DECEMBER 24, WILL FORMALLY ELECT SPEAKER, VICE SPEAKER AND NEW  
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PRIME MINISTER. FUKUDA CABINET LINEUP EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED AND ATTESTED BY EMPEROR DECEMBER 25, BUT LATTER COULD SLIP UNTIL DECEMBER 26.

3. AT PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING PARTY CAUCUS, FUKUDA REITERATED DETERMINATION TO ACHIEVE ABOLITION OF PARTY FACTIONS,

COMPLETE LOCKHEED INVESTIGATION AND REVITALIZE LDP, PROMISING  
TO BRING YOUNGER MEMBERS INTO IMPORTANT DECISIONS. HE  
STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUITY IN DIPLOMACY.

4. WIRE SERVICES WILL BE CARRYING NEW CABINET LINEUP.  
EMBASSY WILL TRANSMIT CABINET LINEUP AND BACKGROUND  
BY OPENING OF BUSINESS MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, WASHINGTON  
TIME.  
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